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## District Man Sentenced for Obstruction of Justice for Jury Tampering

--Associate of man on trial tells members of sitting jury outside of courthouse that defendant did not belong in jail--

WASHINGTON - Antoine E. Rose, 31, of the 500 block of Edgewood Steret, N.E., Washington, D.C., was sentenced today by Judge Craig Iscoe in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, to 84 months of incarceration for Obstruction of Justice, announced United States Attorney Ronald C. Machen Jr. A Superior Court jury found Rose guilty of two counts of Obstructing Justice on April 29, 2010.

The evidence at trial established that in August 2009, Rose attended a criminal jury trial in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia of his close associate, Johnnie Gamble. Gamble was charged with eleven offenses, including first degree burglary while armed, three counts of assault with a dangerous weapon (gun), and related weapons offenses. The evidence at the Gamble trial showed that Gamble had pointed a gun at a number of people inside of an apartment, threatened to kill them, and then fired the gun through the door of that apartment.

During lunch on the second day of that trial, as a number of jurors stood near a hot dog stand located just a block from the D.C. Superior Court courthouse, Rose, the godfather to Gamble's one-year-old baby, came walking past them on the sidewalk, pushing Gamble's baby in a stroller. As Rose walked through the group of jurors, he pointed to the baby, and then stated that the baby belonged to Gamble, and that Gamble belonged with his baby, not in jail. The jury ultimately found Gamble guilty of the charges.

In announcing today's sentence, U.S. Attorney Machen praised the work of D.C. Metropolitan Police Detective Joseph Della-Camera. U.S. Attorney Machen also commended the work of U.S. Attorney's Office Paralegal Baretta Francis, and Assistant U.S. Attorney Emily A. Miller, who indicted and prosecuted the case at trial.